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Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20024

Attention: Victoria Rutson

RE: STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 266X)  
Union Pacific Proposed Abandonment of Litchfield Industrial Lead  
MP 889.34-MP 892.25  
Section 106 Consultation  
SHPO-2008-0271 (36280)

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Dear Ms. Rutson:

Thank you for consulting with the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO); our office recently received for review and comment the materials from Union Pacific Railroad regarding the proposed abandonment of the Litchfield Industrial Lead from mileposts 889.34 to 892.25 in Maricopa County, Arizona. Dr. Bill Collins, Deputy SHPO/Historian, and I have reviewed the documents and offer the following comments pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act as implemented by 36 CFR Part 800.

The response to Issue 7 of the Historic Report [on page 12] of the submitted materials [Combined Environmental and Historic Report] is that "UP knows of no historic sites or structures or archaeological resources in the project area" and that "No structures over 50 years old are affected by the proposed abandonment." The rail line itself is a structure and over 50 years old. The report should be revised to include National Register evaluation of this historic property and a determination of effect for the proposed abandonment. We look forward to the opportunity to review the revised materials.

We appreciate your cooperation with this office in considering the impacts of federal undertakings on cultural resources situated in Arizona. If you have any questions, please contact me at (602) 542-7140 or electronically via [djacobs@azstateparks.gov](mailto:djacobs@azstateparks.gov).

Sincerely,

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CC: Gabriel S. Meyer, Union Pacific Railroad Company